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Newsletter

Ministry Spotlight Education

Ephesians 4:23 reads, "be renewed in the spirit of your mind." I encourage you to read the surrounding context of that verse as it is through learning Christ that we are able to put on the new self. Or as Paul says in Romans 12:2, "Be transformed by the renewing of your mind."

New Sunday School Class for 20-30 year olds has begun. Christian is teaching this class and they meet in the library during the Sunday School hour.

Biblical Leadership Study
If you want to grow in Christ, then this study will benefit you. The maturity that is displayed through the character, attitudes, and actions that are expected of Elders are all things that every Christian is working toward. This video study from Alex Strauch meets on Saturdays at 6 PM for a few more weeks. If you can't make it, we encourage you to check out the link to the videos on our website.

Just TALK to Him!

Children start this life with the inability to form words. Only by practice and interaction with their caregivers, as they mature, do their conversations start to make sense to those around them and to themselves. And, as these conversations mature, so do they. Oh, how this can be compared to us and how we mature as Christians! DAILY interaction with our Heavenly Father is essential to the Christian walk and our relationship with Him. As we talk to Him, that relationship not only grows between He and you, He and I, but we grow as well.

Don't have time? Cannot get into the habit? Do you have a drive time to and from work? Use it to seek your Father. One of the best things that ever happened to me was the acquisition of a 50 minute commute! What a great time to open our hearts! Do you get up or go to bed first before the family? Give God the first 5 minutes of your quiet time! Do you have a lunch time off the clock? Give God a little time before you take that first bite! There are a zillion ways to find the time, so I challenge you to examine your lives and give Him time – just as the sign in front of our church has said for a couple weeks, "What do you put before God?"

Not good at praying? We don't have to be, God just wants us to talk to Him. Jesus gave us an example through the Lord's Prayer that **gives** us an outline, so to speak, "Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen."

So, a summary of Jesus' prayer and how we can model ours after his?

1. Recognize God's holiness and dominion
2. Revere His name
3. Pray For His reign through ours and other's hearts
4. Pray that His work on this earth will flourish
5. Pray for His sustenance in our daily needs
6. Confess and ask for forgiveness of our sins and for those that may or have hurt us
7. Ask for protection from the evil of Satan
8. Again, recognize God's holiness, dominion, and His eternal nature

A routine and dedicated attempt to pray, especially daily, will change your life. This is my challenge to all as we begin this New Year. Just TALK to Him!!

In Christ, Tom

Read Tom's full article at www.nscrrichmond.org/blog

The best gift a father can give his children is to love and respect their mother.

All American Bluegrass Band – 6 PM, Sunday, 1.29 ❖ Clothing Bank Work Day – 4 – 6 PM, Thursday, 2.2

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